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(l to r) Donald B. Orander, John R. Roemer, Wilson I. Welch

Fisk University Chapel, where the Sunday morning worship will be held

Fifth Annual SE Conference To Be At Fisk University

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the setting for the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference United Church of Christ. Pastors Donald B. Crander, John R. Roemer, and Wilson Q. Welch are taking the major responsibility for arrangements.

Registration and housing will be in air-conditioned DuBois Hall, at the corner of Jackson Street and Eigthth Avenue. Directions to places of meeting, as well as a map of the campus and other information should have already reached our church clerks and ministers.

"Fisk University is an independent institution dedicated to education in the liberal arts. It has a well-planned program involving both general and specialized education . . . Emphasis is placed upon the fullest possible development of the whole person.

"Since its founding in 1866, Fisk Uni-

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Issues Facing The Eighth General Synod

The following issues, developed in regional Mission Priority meetings across the United States, will be discussed at General Synod, June 1971, at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

1. *The local parish is at the forefront of the church's mission.* The health of the local church needs to be looked at seriously. Is the local church ailing? The morale of the clergy is generally low. Leadership, lay and clergy, needs to be improved. Polarization in churches is highly visible. Local churches need to understand what national instrumentalities are doing, and vice-versa. Young people are not attending church. Money is available, but the church is not receiving it. The majority of our churches are small. Many churches are in transitional areas.

2. *Faith issues for Modern Man.* We do not understand the faith we need for this new age. Where does our faith fit into a drug culture, new life styles, alienation of minorities, youth and others? Technology has failed to provide modern man with satisfying goals and values for living.

3. *Racial Justice.* We may not understand it, but we have to deal with it. The fight against racial injustice must be continued. Minority groups have needs almost beyond comprehension.

4. *World Peace.* "No puzzle is harder to solve than the task of putting together a world with justice and freedom for men and harmony among nations. The problem of creating such a world seems insoluble. Little wonder that millions have grown apathetic and willingly commit their destinies to others. If they hope for anything, it is not for peace but for an end to the present conflict. We vaguely pray for peace—but few of us expect an acceptable answer and fewer offer leadership. Yet there remains a yearning for peace on earth." (*United Church Herald, May* '71)

Other issues to be presented are "*The Status of Women in Church and Society*"

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Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks To Speak At Annual Meeting

Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks, Executive Director of the Council of Christian Social Action, will make the major presentation on Saturday morning at the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting. He will also lead one of the "Reciprocal Rapping" groups on Saturday evening following the banquet. During the Holy Communion Service on Sunday morning, he will bring the message.

Most people have social actioneers categorized as "aggressive, demanding, outspoken" persons. Not so with Dr. Maddocks. He is surprisingly cool, factual, understanding, reconciling — and firm in his Christian commitment. Our delegates will look forward to hearing Dr. Maddocks and to talking with him in the evening over a cup of coffee.

Dr. Maddocks headed the Washington office of the CCSA from 1961 to January 1969, when he became its Executive Director, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Ray Gibbons.

A native of Millinocket, Maine, Dr. Maddocks was graduated from Marshall University. He holds a Masters degree from Boston University and a Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University.

INSTITUTIONS AND MINISTRIES

In the 1970 report a recommendation was made that the churches of the Conference put into their local church budgets support for these institutions.

The two within our geographical boundaries are:

Uplands Retirement Center,
Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
Dorchester Improvement Assn.
Rt. 1, Box 45, McIntosh, Ga.

Other institutions authorized to seek support from us are:

Brooklawn Children's Home,
Louisville, Kentucky
Elon Home for Children,
Elon College, N. C.
Nazareth Children's Home,
Rockwell, N. C.
The Emmaus Home, Marthasville, Mo.
The Emmaus Home, St. Charles, Mo.
Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Miss.
Ryder Memorial Hospital,
Puerto Rico — also deserves our financial assistance.

The newsletter from the Elon Home states that some of our churches have made contributions this year. We are reminded of the words "In as much as ye did it — unto these least."

We continue to offer ministerial scholarships from the Congregational Christian Foundation to those attending Vanderbilt Divinity School.

We should exert every effort to keep these institutions in our thinking and giving. —ARNOLD SLATER

Youth Are Urged To Attend Annual Meeting

At their recent planning meeting held at Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., SEC YOUTH officers expressed concern that more young people need to participate not only in their local churches, but also in affairs of the Southeast Conference.

Several churches will have young people as voting delegates, the officers learned. It is their hope that more and more congregations will elect youth delegates. But whether as delegates or as visitors young people should attend and let themselves be heard and seen.

The SEC YOUTH officers hope to have some time during the Nashville Annual Conference for a brief session with all youth delegates present. Exact time will be determined when the program is made known and will be announced.

J. K. Murphy and Nancy Duke at East Alabama Rally

Christian Education And Youth Work

During 1970-71 the Commission on Christian Education and Youth Work has sought to meet needs expressed by the churches at the Churchmanship Institutes held in the winter of 1969-70: training opportunities for Sunday Church School teachers, youth leaders and church officers; getting young adults involved in the life of the church; better Sunday School and other program materials; a deeper commitment to Christ and His Church, and Christian concern for people beyond the local church.

Some events which the Commission has sponsored or has participated in so as to help meet the foregoing needs are: *Churchmanship Institutes* — area meetings throughout the Conference to improve leadership skills and deal with specific problems; *Instroteach Workshops* in some areas, along with churches of other denominations; *Skills Institutes* in the Atlanta area, also with people of other denominations; *Ecumenical Film Library Project* in Alabama, under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Cameron; *Training Events for Small Group Leaders,* in preparation for the SOUTHEAST YOUTH Annual Meeting. Members of the Commission have provided significant leadership in these and several other events.

The Summer Camping Program continues to be held cooperatively with the United Presbyterians. During 1970, junior and junior high camps were held at Camp Ozone, Tennessee; Camp Anderson Creek, in northern Alabama; and Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Georgia. Mrs. Carl Sanford, Camp Coordinator, has headed up U.C.C. participation and has taken responsibility for training events in Georgia. Members of the Commission have helped also to recruit staff. We participated in an Urban Work Event in Atlanta, along with the Disciples (Christian Church) of Georgia.

On March 20, the Commission met jointly with the Commission on Lay Life and Work, with Mrs. F. C. Lester helping in planning efforts. The local church will be the chief concern as the two Commissions learn how best to assist congregations plan, establish goals, and provide human and material resources in helping to meet the goals. At this March meeting, the Commissions suggested that the Association Committees: 1. Compile resource listings of the kinds of help available to churches, with emphasis on human resources, and 2. provide leadership skill events, with Conference staff and Commission members available to help in any way possible. —J. K. Murphy

Dorchester Center

Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga., is now operating under the leadership of a local committee, which is a large part of the Board of Directors. Mr. James A. Lewis, P. O. Box 78, Midway, Ga. 31320, is the chairman. Many meetings are held every week at the Center, ranging from cooking demonstrations to medical clinics. A new swimming pool is almost completed, following the ground breaking ceremonies on March 9, 1971. Representatives from all segments of the County were present. Dorchester Center is anxious to secure financial support for this project. Contributions can be made to Dorchester Center, marked Swimming Pool project, and forwarded to either Mr. Lewis or to Mr. Jesse A. Stevens, chairman of the Special Fund Committee, at Dorchester Center, R. 1, Box 45, McIntosh, Georgia, 31317.

We are looking forward to a full program for the summer. Camps, conferences, recreation of all types and a congenial fellowship will be at the Center. The Directors are also looking for a Director of the Center, either fulltime or partime. —J. A. Lewis

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versity has attracted students from all sections of the nation and from countries around the world. The original Fisk school has grown to become the nation's leading black university."

Delegates and visitors to the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting will find much of interest on the Fisk University Campus and in the larger Nashville community.

Christian Social Action Commission

The Christian Social Action Commission tries to make the changeless Gospel continually relevant to a changing society. Throughout the history of the Church this task has been most difficult. The Christian's dilemma is, "How? — How do I put my faith to work?" The following are recommendations:

1. That every Church in the Conference hold a meeting immediately on the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) and send the results to the Conference and/or to the Chairman of the Christian Social Action Commission.

2. That all churches act on Section 2 of Exhibit XVIII in the 1970 Conference report with regard to Social Action Institutes.

3. That the Conference reaffirm its stand on complete equality of all people and work for equal opportunity in all areas of life including bussing of students where necessary. (This is fully stated in Section 3 of Exhibit XVIII of the 1970 Conference report.)

4. That the Conference set up a special task force to study the needs of the poor in our geographical area and recommend specific programs that could eliminate things that block their growth. These programs should then be sent to each Church and/or Association so that something concrete would begin to happen. Care should be taken by this task force to work with existing agencies.

5. That the Conference instruct the State Legislatures of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida to make the 18-year-old vote law applicable to State as well as to National elections where this has not already been done.

6. That the Conference severely criticize "Big Business" and "Small Business," where applicable, for their thoughtless pollution of our air, water, and earth. Furthermore, that we encourage legislation to force them to pay for damage, clean-up, and effective control agencies to stop further pollution. And that we encourage local Churches to participate in local clean-up campaigns.

7. That the Conference, realizing the problems and dangers of over-population, encourage State governments to consider making abortion legal so that unwanted pregnancies can be terminated. Also, that family planning institutes be held in dense population areas, birth control devices be made available at little or no cost, and that sterilization be considered for habitual unwed mothers.

8. That the Conference, realizing its commitment to Peace and to the Prince of Peace, demand that the Legislatures from our areas vote to cease the War in Vietnam immediately and bring the soldiers home.

9. That the Conference strongly support efforts in Atlanta and other large metropolitan areas to stop the flow and use of drugs, and to give money to this ministry whenever we are called upon to do so.

—George A. Fidler, Chairman

Church And Ministry

PART I:

1. The Commission on Church and Ministry calls the attention of the Conference to the expected retirement this year of four of our ministers: Annie Campbell, Joe French, Fred Meyer, and Arnold Slater. There may be other ministers retiring of whom the Commission Chairman is unaware. We seek to honor these with our gratitude and our prayers of thanks to our Father God.

2. The Commission has met twice during the past Conference year. In addition, our Association committees on the ministry have conducted their business, in some cases calling Associational and "vicinage" councils. This work has included examination of candidates for in-care (training) status, licensure to preach, ordination, installation as pastors and teachers of churches, and ministerial standing.

3. The Commission has outlined the areas of work, including: A. Cooperation with Association Committees on the Ministry in establishing standards for the ministry, B. Pastoral relations, including concern for the support of our ministers, C. Pastor-church relations, including assistance to churches and pastors in resolving differences, D. Continuing education and in-service training, E. Recruitment of students and candidates for the ministry, F. Contact with ministers in our Conference and Associations who serve in other-than-pastoral functions, and G. Concern for worship. In addition, if restructured, the Commission will have concern for our health and welfare agencies, and for evangelism.

4. The Commission calls the attention of our churches, ministers, and committees on the ministry to several publications: *A. The Manual on the Ministry in the United Church of Christ* and the binder of materials supplementary to that manual. Both are available to committee chairmen or secretaries by contacting the Commission Chairman at: 200 Robin St., Rome, Georgia 30161. B. Ministers should update their dossiers with the Council for Church and Ministry Personnel Records Office every five years. Forms for doing so are also available, on request, from the Commission Chairman. C. the attention of churches and ministers is called to two helpful publications of the Council for Church and Ministry: *A Church Seeks a Pastor and a Pastor Seeks a Church.*

5. The attention of all our churches is called to a paragraph on page 26 of *A Church Seeks a Pastor*:

"Many churches, realizing that if ministers are to do their best work they need opportunities for reflection and study that the hectic pace of the average parish does not give them, will provide other opportunities for their pastors. These take the form of subsidized attendance at summer schools, retreats, and conferences, or, with increasing frequency, the granting of 'Sabbatical leave' for study and travel after several years of service."

We recommend that our churches arrange such study time in addition to regular vacation, and urge our ministers to seek and use such opportunities.

6. The Commission further recommends that all our *churches* study the Plan of Union of the "Church of Christ Uniting," provided by the Consultation on Church Union, both to acquaint themselves with the present progress of the proposed union and also to make suggestions and recommendations and to forward them to the Consultation on Church Union.

PART II:

The Commission on Church and Ministry recommends that the *Southeast Conference* undertake a careful study of the Plan of Union for the proposed "Church of Christ Uniting" and that the findings of this study be likewise forwarded to the Consultation on Church Union.

—David Lewis Beebe, Chairman

"Drug Abuse — A Mind Bender!" is the title of a 12-page tabloid newspaper analyzing youth problems and drug abuse. It is available free to schools, churches, civic groups, and community organizations. Order from Youth Action Center, P. O. Box 901, San Diego, California 92112.

GUEST LEADERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Nelson Fuson To Be Banquet Speaker

Mrs. Nelson Fuson, who has lived in Nashville for twenty-two years, was a member of a group of 171 laymen and clergy who talked with the Negotiators at the Paris Peace Talks in the spring of 1971. She will focus our attention on Peace issues at the all-conference banquet Saturday evening, June 12.

Mrs. Fuson has been active in Church Women United, the League of Women Voters, and is a member of the Religious Society of Friends, Nashville Meeting. Her husband is a Professor of Physics at Fisk University.

Following her presentation, Mrs. Fuson will be available for discussion of Peace issues in the "Reciprocal Rapping" Group.

Rev. James H. Hargett

The Rev. James H. Hargett, New York City, is Secretary for Black Ministries in the United Church of Christ.

In his position under the denomination's Council for Church and Ministry, he is responsible for the recruitment, training and placement of black ministers in local congregations, regional and national agencies.

Mr. Hargett began his national staff ministry in September 1969, having previously served as pastor of the Church of Christian Fellowship, Los Angeles, California, for eleven years.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, he is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Yale Divinity School. He was ordained in 1955 and served as Associate Minister of the Church of the Crossroads, Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1955 to 1958.

Mr. Hargett and his wife, the former Louilyn Funderburk of Lancaster, South Carolina, have three children.

Miss Hedwig B. Schaeffer

Miss Hedwig B. Schaeffer is no stranger to many of our people, having spoken in several churches earlier in 1971. At the Annual Meeting she will speak on Saturday afternoon and participate in a Rapping Session Saturday evening.

Engaged in educational work in the Raipur area of Central India from 1925 to 1967, Miss Schaeffer is credited with raising the standards of teaching in all mission schools, and especially with developing the Salem Girls' Middle School into one of the best in the area.

Prior to her appointment to India, Miss Schaeffer was an elementary teacher in Hamilton, Ohio, and Hazel Green, Kentucky. She also served for several years on the staff of Bethel Church, St. Louis, Mo.

A native of Wooster, Ohio, she attended high school in Dayton, and is a graduate of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Hal C. Miller To Be Executive Council Representative

Mr. Hal C. Miller Jr. who is president and treasurer of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Barre, Inc., Barre, Vt., is a member of the national Executive Council of the United Church of Christ.

Active for many years in his denomination, Mr. Miller has served as a corporate member of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, chairman of the board of the Vermont Congregational Conference (1958-1964) and president of the Vermont Congregational Conference (1963-1964). He was a member of the By-Law Committee of the Vermont Council of Churches

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he was educated at Emory University, Atlanta, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Harvard Law School. He became a member of the Georgia Bar in 1938.

Mr. Miller and his wife, Helene A. Miller, have two sons, Hal C. Miller, III, a UCC parish minister, and Albert A. Miller, a second-year medical student.

Southeast Conference, U. C. C., Annual Meeting

JUNE 12-13, 1971

FISK UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1971

9:00 A. M. Registration and Coffee Time

10:00 A. M. Opening Worship — Chaplain Arnold Slater
Presentation: Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks, Exec. Director, Council for Christian Social Action
Board of Directors' Reorganization Report

NOON
Lunch (in Fisk Cafeteria)
Presentation: Miss Hedwig Schaeffer, OCWM Interpreter
"Good News" (from our congregations)
Business Session
Presentations: Mr. Hal Miller, representing the Executive Council of the General Synod
The Rev. James Hargett, Secretary for Black Ministries, Council for Church & Ministry
Business Session: Resolutions

6:30 P. M. Banquet: Speaker: Mrs. Nelson Fuson, participating in delegation which attended the Paris Peace Talks
(Reunion and Induction — Ole Thermometer U.)

8:30 P. M. Closing Worship

8:45 P. M. Reciprocal Rapping Sessions
1. OCWM — Miss Schaeffer
2. Church/Action — Dr. Maddocks
3. Black Ministries — Mr. Hargett
4. Peace — Mrs. Fuson
5. U. C. C. Issues — Mr. Miller

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1971

7:30 A. M. Breakfast

9:00 A. M. Morning Prayers
Business Session
Installation of New Officers

10:30 A. M. Worship in Fisk Chapel
Speaker: Dr. Maddocks
Sacrament of Holy Communion
(The three Nashville congregations, First, Howard, and Brookmeade, will worship with the conference)
Adjournment

SEC YOUTH

In efforts to deepen their own commitment to each other and to the work to which they were elected, the SEC YOUTH have met several times during 1970-71. Also they have attempted to reach out into various areas of the Southeast Conference where churches and association groups would invite them. The President led the Youth Ministry Section of several Churchmanship Institutes; Maria Brown led that section at the Charleston Institute, Jaci Chetelat at Birmingham, and was prepared to lead one at Montgomery. At several of these Institutes, youth led innovative worship services.

The officers themselves have sought to participate in the life of the total church and have encouraged other young people to do likewise. They have urged local congregations to elect youth to policy-making bodies; some have responded positively to this request. At Wadley, Alabama, when the Southeast Conference met, an increase in youth attendance and participation was apparent. We hope to have even more young people at the Annual Meeting of the Conference in Nashville in 1971.

Outstanding among the 1970-71 events was the Annual Meeting of SEC YOUTH held in March at Camp Sumatanga, in northern Alabama. As a result of a Training Event some weeks earlier, and directly due to the officers' being bold enough to confront each other in openness and honesty, the Sumatanga event was a great experience! Youth and adult leaders dis-

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RESOLUTION

Memoirs Committee

WHEREAS, since the last annual meeting of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, the eternal Father has called to rest these of His own:

Dr. A. Wilson Cheek, Atlanta, Ga., Executive Director of the Georgia Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, passed March 6, 1971.

Rev. Henry C. Eddleman, Route 1, Dewey Rose, Ga., died July 12, 1970.

Rev. James A. Fraser, retired minister living in the Presbyterian Home, High Point, N. C., died (reported in July, 1970). Held standing in Ga.-S. C. Association.

Mrs. Florence Wilson died April 1 1970. She was a school teacher for many years. She married Dr. A. P. Wilson, Congregational minister, and among other places, lived and worked at Demorest, where she was a member at the time of her death. She is survived by a step-daughter.

Ruby Frances Waugh, wife of Richard Marvin Waugh (pastor of Jones Chapel for thirty years), died June 23, and was buried in Moulton Cemetery. She is survived also by one son, Marvin, Jr.

THREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Southeast Conference that we manifest our feeling of loss by rising for a moment of silent meditation, remembering that these aforementioned have given much for the cause that is our Lord's;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that we express by letter from the Conference office to the bereaved families of these departed friends our sincere sympathy and make known that our prayers are ever in their behalf.

—Olin E. Sheppard, Chm.

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Commission On Lay Life And Work

The first meeting of the year convened in August and opened with a sharing of some problems involved in communication in the Southeast Conference, particularly as they relate to Lay Life and Work: 1. how to meet the needs of people on varying levels of sophistication, theological orientation, as well as exposure to life situations; 2. geographical distance; 3. difficulty of maintaining momentum in ecumenical cooperation.

Needs of lay people were discussed in terms of their work and witness in the Church and in the world: 1. opportunities for more exposure to media resources; 2. leadership development; 3. an understanding of what is involved in both personal and group Christian commitment; and 4. the ability to reach beyond ourselves as individual persons, beyond our local congregation, to a needy world and needy individuals.

Evaluation of the Churchmanship Institutes held during 1969-70 in eleven areas of the Southeast Conference revealed that real values evolved even though the time slot was too short. The sharing sessions were not only a means of fellowship and learning, but were also an enabling factor in upgrading the witness of the local church people.

The Commission made the following recommendations:

1. Build on last year's Churchmanship during 1970-71 in the same geographical areas as those of 1969-70. 2. Hold an innovative worship service at the beginning of each session. 3. Divide the Institute into small groups: Youth Ministry, Evangelism, Stewardship Education, Community Outreach, and Adult Program Planning. 4. National and Conference staff people, as well as local people, participate as leaders. 5. *How The Word Gets Around* be the general theme of the Institutes.

Of particular concern to the Commission was mapping plans for small groups on Program Planning for Adults. Suggested resources included: P.L.A.N. Quiz, Situational Lay Education, Form Fellows Function, and portions of the NALP game.

In March a joint meeting of the two Commissions — Lay Life and Work and Christian Education—was held in Atlanta; it addressed itself to exploring ways by which youth and adults may express their Christian commitment in their local churches as well as the larger community. Both youth and adults were represented and

"It's Pledge Sunday. May I suggest we use the '59?"

attempted to talk together meaningfully about the concerns, as each individual interpreted them, in the local congregations. It was proposed that the Associations of the Conference initiate plans, through the committees, and become viable instruments in implementing them in the local churches.

The Council for Lay Life and Work considers its most essential task is to understand the common good and as a consequence, to coordinate the activities of the Associations. The Commission continually seeks to provide means for training lay people to express their Christian commitment in their lives and churches.

The Council for Lay Life and Work is indebted to Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education, and Mrs. Emily C. Lester, for their "participatory democracy" in guiding the work of the Commission.

Mrs. Arthur C. Curtright, Chairman.

Our Christian World Mission

1. Twelve Churchmanship Institutes were held throughout the Conference in which basic support for Our Christian World Mission was urged and information concerning the same was given.

2. Our appreciation to the Stewardship Council and Rev. K. C. Johnson, Regional Secretary, for the four "How-to-Workshops" held last June at Pleasant Hill (48 present), Langdale (9), Cullman (20), and Atlanta (7). Posters, filmstrips, printed materials were displayed, discussed and shown how they could be used. Mission emphasis could be developed in introduction and dedication of the offering, in the pastoral prayer, in bulletins, hymns, sermons, etc. These workshops were most helpful to busy pastors.

3. Miss Hedwig Schaeffer, former missionary to India, spoke in the churches in East Alabama, North Alabama, and Tennessee, Feb. 17 - March 4, 1971. She is to visit other churches and speak at this Conference June 5-20, 1971. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walther and family of the Philippines were guest speakers at Central Church, Atlanta, April 24 and 25, 1971. Rev. Chester L. Marcus, Regional Secretary for Africa for our Board for World Ministries, was the guest speaker for the Ministers' Convocation, held May 10-12, 1971, at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

4. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harry of the Lanett, Alabama Church, received special training as Stewardship Consultants in Philadelphia in January, 1971, and are now available to help churches use "The New Guide for Christian Enlistment," a year-long program of Stewardship education and program.

5. Letters of appreciation were sent to 42 churches who increased their OCWM giving in 1970 over that of 1969. These 42 churches, plus 36 others, made possible an increase of $4,000 in OCWM basic support in 1970. Forty-six other churches gave nothing to basic support of Our Christian World Mission.

6. If our Conference just barely pays its bills, a minimum of $68,000 is needed in basic support of Our Christian World Mission. This would provide $17,000 for our national instrumentalities. This past year we gave approximately $14,000 for Our Christian World Mission beyond the confines of this Conference.

7. 1971 OCWM "Fair Share" goals were sent to the churches. Twenty-two churches returned to the Conference office the "Statement of Intention" declaring what they intend to give in 1971 toward their Fair Share goal. OCWM funds should be sent to The Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

8. Under the proposed plan of organization, this Commission would become a part of the Outreach Commission in the Conference, and related to the Association Committees on Outreach.

9. In the spring of 1972, consultations will be held to see how the Conference and the National Instrumentalities can help the local church in its mission as well as to see what changes need to be made in the mission at Conference and National levels.

Warren Blankenhorn, Chairman.

1970 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME:			
Our Christian World Mission, Basic & Other		$ 61,943.64	
Church Extension — BHM		19,240.50	
Southeast News		240.00	
Per Capita Dues — Associations		316.37	
Rent — Stewardship Council		1,020.00	
Refunds and Credits:			
Travel		2,083.64	
Other		648.11	
Interest on Savings		581.24	
Gifts for Operating Expenses		1,861.71	
From B. H. M.		10,000.00	
Ministers' Group Health Insurance		8,220.02	
SEC Youth		1,927.00	
Montgomery Property Sales		6,036.53	
Designated Incomes for Specific Ministries		1,352.50	
SEC Annual Meeting		1,117.21	
Scholarship Funds		1,524.15	
Miscellaneous Income		2,026.42	$120,139.04
Receipted on 1970 Books and Deposited in Bank But Credited as 1971 Income		135.00	
Total Receipts			120,274.04
DISBURSEMENTS:			
O. C. W. M. to National Church Extension		$ 21,057.57	
B. H. M.	22,594.31		
S. E. C.	7,000.47	29,594.78	
Salaries: Ministers		14,799.87	
Annuities		2,057.00	
Housing Allowances		4,200.00	
Auto Replacement		2,690.75	
Insurance		164.76	
Postage, Stationery		1,524.50	
Promotional Materials		455.48	
Southeast News		1,618.94	
Salaries and Benefits: Staff		6,280.96	
Rent		2,700.00	
Travel Allowance		5,303.78	
Telephone		831.98	
Meetings: Directors, Commissions, Committees		1,303.10	
Scholarships: S. E. C., *Ensminger Funds		849.49	
Savings Account		350.00	
SEC Youth		1,905.83	
Designated Funds for Specific Ministries		1,466.33	
SEC Annual Meeting		976.25	
Ministers' Health Insurance		10,524.00	
Audits, 1968 & 1969		500.00	
Montgomery Property Sale — Fees and Expenses		160.00	
Miscellaneous		1,630.77	
Total			$112,946.14
Two Checks Included in the 1969 Financial Statement But Written in 1970 and Came Out of the 1970 Bank Balance			948.52
Total Disbursements			$113,894.66
RECAPITULATION:			
Bank Balance — 12/31/70			$ 8,893.05
Adjustments Made by Auditor			2.58
			8,895.63
Total Receipts Through 12/31/70		$120,274.04	
Total Disbursements Through 12/31/70		113,894.66	
Less Outstanding Check No. 3678 Which Was Voided		—4.80	
		113,889.86	
Bank Balance, Checking Account 12/31/70			15,279.81

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Southern Union College, Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of December 31, 1969 $7,454.74
Deposits during 1970: 816.10

Disbursements:

3/4/70	$ 500.00	—Seminary Scholarship to W. D. Noles
6/3/70	5,000.00	—For Savings Certificate
6/15/70	15.00	—Professional services of Martin, Balch, Bingham, Hawthorne and Williams
8/3/70	250.00	—College Scholarship to W. D. Noles
9/28/70	250.00	—College Scholarship to W. D. Noles
	$6,015.00	

Balance, Checking Account, December 31, 1970 $2,255.84
Savings Certificate $5,000.00
Interest earned, 1970 168.86
Balance, Savings, December 31, 1970 $5,168.86

Leverett Scholarship Fund

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, December 31, 1969 $337.71
Deposits, 1970 $78.63
Balance, December 31, 1970 $416.34

Congregational Christian Foundation

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, December 31, 1969 $632.33
Deposits, 1970 $295.51

Disbursements:

2/17/70	$250.00	—Edwin Staudt Scholarship

Balance, December 31, 1970 $677.84
Balance, Savings Account, December 31, 1970 $2,870.84

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played real competence. Thanks for all successes goes to those who worked regularly on the Steering Committee: Terry Edwards, Jaci Chetelat, and Kevin Cox. Others were elected also, but for some reason did not participate on a regular basis.

Our good wishes for a great year go to the new officers: Terry Edwards, Mary Helen Thorne, Edith Biggers, Jaci Chetelat, Princess Calhoun, Rissa Tucker, Peter Andreae, and Richard Krech.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT . . . *(fr. page 7*

Savings Accounts:	10,000.00		
	1,000.00		
	4,920.05		
	15,920.05		
Restricted Funds, as of December 31, 1970			
SEC Ministerial Relief		32.64	
SEC Scholarship Aid		1,271.44	
Ensminger Scholarship Fund		4,718.80	
Lay Life & Work Fund		66.21	
Ministry to Street People		236.29	
SEC Council on Church & Ministry		136.99	
SEC Church Extension		6,565.33	
From BHM - Conference Expenses 1971		10,000.00	23,027.70

SEC Board Of Directors And Executive Committee

During 1970-71 the Board of Directors met twice and the Executive Committee held several additional meetings. Committees which were elected for the year are listed on pp. 28-30 of the *Minutes of the 4th Annual Meeting, April* 25-26, 1970, *with Directory*. In addition, a Scholarship Committee was elected: Moderator of Conference, Chairman of Commission on Church and Ministry, and Conference Minister.

Other actions taken:

I. Fifth Annual Meeting to be held June 12 and 13, 1971 at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; 6th Annual Meeting, upon recommendation of Place Committee, to be held at Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., June 1972.

II. Elected Mrs. Harry Shrago, Nashville, Tenn., to replace Miss Nancy Tucker, resigned, as delegate to General Synod.

III. Approved 1971 Budget, upon recommendation of Finance Committee.

IV. Approved 1971 Church Extension Aided Fields Budget, upon recommendation of Church Extension Commission.

V. Elected, Donald S. Daughtry and James A. Lindskoog to Urban Training Organization of Atlanta; Pastor of Robbins Parish, Hugh Lasseter, and one other yet to be named to Robbins Community Center; David Beebe and Donald Nelson to Georgia Mutual Education Commission.

VI. Authorized sale of the former parsonage of Huntsville Church and the purchase of a new one, with a temporary loan of $4500 from Church Extension funds to the Church until the transaction has been completed.

VII. Heard and adopted the Planning Committee's recommendations:

a. Telescope eight Commissions into three: Education, Church and Ministry, and Outreach (see below).

b. Study and redesign Conference and Association Staff functions.

c. Develop metropolitan strategy (assigned to Commission on Church Extension).

d. Develop Ministries with Black people (assigned to H. C. McEwen, J. T. Enwright and Andrew Cooper).

e. Develop Town and Country Ministries (assigned to Commission on Church Extension).

f. Develop Association or area Ministers.

g. Request $10,000 from Board for Homeland Ministries for general operating expenses in 1970-71 (UCBHM graciously granted this request).

h. Set a goal of 5 new churches by 1975 (assigned to Commission on Church Extension).

i. Request consultative services related to above priorities from sources best qualified to provide them, such as staff from national instrumentalities, neighboring Conferences, parish ministers of special competence, and lay leaders in the Conference.

j. Identify local clusters of churches for training and leadership development, self-study, goal identification and development of strategy.

h. Encourage OCWM support from the churches (assigned to OCWM Commission).

VIII. The Board of Directors recommends that the Constitution of the Conference be changed to read as follows:

1. That in Article 5a, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, concerning the OFFICERS of the Southeast Conference, the term of office be changed to read, "for a term of two years." (This makes the term 2 years instead of 1.)

Issues Facing . . . *(fr. page 1*

and *"Toward Freedom of Choice in the* Area of of Action."

It is expected that the General Synod will insist on increasing opportunities for women in theological education, ordination, voluntary roles and employment at all levels of the church's life, as well as the elimination of discrimination in employment and compensation on the basis of sex wherever it exists in our society.

In the area of *abortion,* the Churches and their members may be called upon to involve themselves in programs which would support the repeal of overly restrictive abortion legislation and to expend their ministries of counsel and concern to all women who have problems related to unwanted pregnancies.

2. That Article 6, concerning the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Conference, be amended to read, ". . . it shall set up committees and task forces to carry on its work as needed . . . . (This simply adds: "and task forces").

3. That Article 7, concerning COMMISSIONS, be amended to read as follows (telescopes 8 Commissions into 3): "The Commissions of the Conference shall be elected as prescribed in the By-Laws and be known as: 1. The Commission on Outreach; 2. The Commission on Church and Ministry, and 3. The Commission on Education (details of Commission functions will be distributed to delegates and the Annual Meeting)."

IX. The Board of Directors recommends that By-Law 9 of the Conference be changed to read as follows:

a. The Commissions shall be composed of a Coordinator and an Assistant Coordinator elected by the Conference, plus the chairmen of the corresponding committees of the associations. The Commissions may co-opt other members at their discretion. The Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator shall serve for a term of two years.

b. The Conference Minister, in cooperation with the Board of Directors, may assign staff personnel to serve as advisors to the various Commissions.

c. Meetings of the Commissions may be called by the Coordinator, the Moderator, and/or Conference staff.

—W. R. Green, Jr., Moderator
—Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, Secretary